Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

The Coordinator

WWARA members will decide whether or not to accept the Retooling Committee's overhaul of the associations by-laws and policies August 5th.

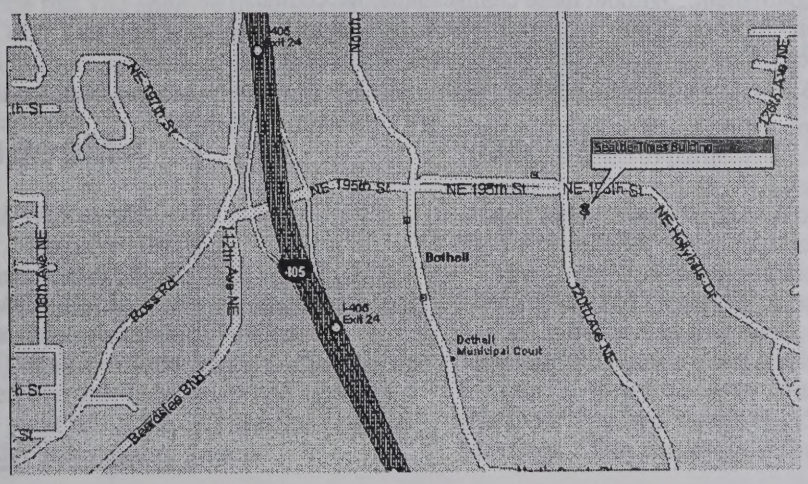
DECISION

WWARA Issues Summons

All WWARA members are being summoned to the August 5, 2000 general business meeting to vote on the Retooling Committee's overhaul of the Association's By-laws and Coordination Policies. The Retooling Committee presented its overhaul of the WWARA's by-laws and policies to the Board to which the Board accepted and will be asking for Membership approval at the August meeting.

Each member will be receiving along with this issue of The Coordinator a copy of the current WWARA bylaws and policies and a copy of the proposed bylaws and policies. Each member is asked to carefully review them and come to the August meeting to vote whether or not to accept the revised documents. Sufficient time is being planned to allow each member to speak, however the question will not be available for open debate. The vote will be taken after a short break to confirm members eligibility to vote, with a simple pass / fail vote being taken afterwards.

Please schedule time to attend this very important meeting. The meeting will be held at the Seattle Times Building in Bothell. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 AM, coffee and donuts will be available.



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Important Changes at the WWARA

At the up coming WWARA meeting on August 5th, the membership will be asked to vote on a very important proposal to overhaul the Bylaws and Coordination Policies of this organization. Here is a bit of background on this issue and how I expect the vote to take place.

At an earlier meeting this year, Clay Freinwald presented information on recent policies and opinions from the FCC regarding Amateur Repeater Coordination. These opinions included definitions of coordination, who can do coordination, who should the coordination body serve, and to some extent, how it should be done. Most of this information has been well covered in the *Coordinator* and in other ham publications and news outlets. Given this new stance the FCC has taken, it was decided that the WWARA should look at the way we are currently doing business as it relates to current expectations of the FCC and the general ham community.

I appointed Clay Freinwald to chair a committee to take a serious look at the way we are currently performing our coordination responsibilities and come up with recommendations on changes we should make to conform with the new feeling at the FCC on Amateur Repeater Coordination and Coordinators. Clay's committee was also charged with recommending ways to streamline the day to day activities that support our coordination activities.

With this *Coordinator*, you have received copies of the proposed changes to our Bylaws and Coordination Policies recommended by what has become known as the "Retooling Committee." Clay and his committee put in a lot of time and effort in both meetings and email communications to come up with these changes and recommendations. The committee members did not always agree and there are a few contentious issues as noted in discussion on the WWARA remailer. Clay has included with the committee's recommendations a summary of the changes for comparison and clarification. Please read the proposed changes to the Bylaws and Coordination Policies carefully. Using Clay's summary pages, it should be clear where the committee was headed when they put together these documents.

The vote will be taken on these proposed changes during the next General Membership meeting August 5th.

Only current Year 2000 members will be eligible to vote. As outlined in our current bylaws, eligibility will be determined by the secretary from his membership records. Members may wish to vote by proxy, either by mail or hand carried by a member's designee. A mail in proxy must reach the secretary by August 3rd. All proxies shall be in writing and signed by the authorizing member. All eligibility rules indicated will apply.

Before the meeting and during a break prior to the vote, eligibility can be confirmed and voting cards passed out. A list will be kept of members wishing to comment on the proposal and they will be given a short time on the floor to do so. There will be no debate and this will be a Pass/Fail vote. This will speed up the process and give everyone a chance to comment.

Your vote on these proposed changes to our Bylaws and Coordination Policies is extremely important. We must change with the times and be responsive not only to repeater owners but also repeater users and amateur radio operators as a whole. Changing our Bylaws and Coordination Policies is a dynamic process and additions, modifications, and deletions will be an ongoing requirement. Without these changes now, we could someday find ourselves having more than one frequency coordinator in a given area simply because of our inability to be responsive to the amateur community. This is already happening elsewhere in the country and it has not been a pretty sight.

Please come and vote for positive change that will benefit us all.

Jon Marcinko WR7JM
Chairman - WWARA

NFCB Meets With D'wana Terry

2 JUN, 2000 - 1100 EDT

On Wednesday, May 17, 2000 the National Frequency Coordination Council board of Directors (NFCB) met with D'wana R. Terry, Chief of the Public Safety and Wireless Division of the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. In addition to Ms. Terry, FCC staff members Bill Cross, W3TN, and Jeanne Kowolski were in attendance.

The purposes of this meeting were to brief Ms. Terry on the history and current status of the NFCC, how it could be of service to the FCC, to review the status of ARS frequency coordination, and to present ideas on how to deal with the growing number of coordinator disputes revolving around how best to ascertain who is the "recognized" coordinator for a given frequency band and/or in a given geographic area.

Copies of the NFCC Bylaws and Standards, and the NFCC/ARRL Memorandum of Understanding were left with Ms. Terry and her staff members.

Ms. Terry was most attentive to what we said and she asked questions that lead us to believe this meeting met its goals of being informative and providing an opportunity for the NFCC to present concepts for a future relationship between our organizations. We expect to be hearing from Ms. Terry and her staff over the course of the next couple of months. We believe the basis for a constructive, cooperative, and enduring relationship was put in place. As events unfold we will keep you informed.

- Owen Wormser, K6LEW
NFCC President

Meeting Notice

The next WWARA Board meeting will beAugust 5, 2000 at 10:00 AM at the Seattle Times Building in Bothell.

All WWARA members and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

THE REVISED WWARA BYLAWS AND POLICIES, AN OVERVIEW

BY CLAY FREINWALD, K7CR

BACKGROUND

The Bylaws and Polices of the WWARA have in the past few months undergone the most exhaustive review since the creation of this organization back in 1976. It became increasingly clear to me that this process was called for and was what prompted me to write several editorials in the Coordinator calling for a retreat whereby many of these issues could be discussed at great length. This last year a coordination dispute in Southern California resulted in the issuance of correspondence from the FCC whereby they 'clarified' a number of the Commissions positions regarding coordination. This process, now called the Terry Letters, emphasized the need for the WWARA to take a closer look at our governing documents in that they appeared to be at odds with these 'letters'. At a General Business Meeting of this organization I was asked to chair a committee tasked with the job of examining our documents and making recommendations for changes that would bring the WWARA not only into full compliance with the FCC's views on coordination but would make the WWARA a stronger organization, one that would be better able to deal with the challenges of the future.

I called for persons wishing to serve on this committee and rather immediately began holding a series of meetings. This committee was given a name by Mark McClain, the Retooling Committee. A good title in that it described what the Committee was doing, retooling the WWARA.

Initially the Group went through the Bylaws and Policies with a fine tooth comb making many changes in not what we do but rather how we state what we do, this to make these documents conform with the intent of the 'letters'. As we went along it became increasingly clear that additional changes would be in order.

I want to thank those parties that gave many hours to this rather lengthy process and specifically recognize Mark McKibbin who spent many hours getting the committee's work on paper.

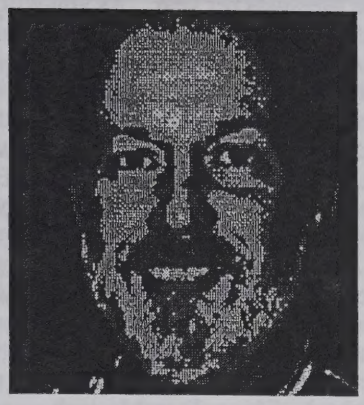
My goal here is to help everyone understand the nature of these changes and why the committee is asking that you approve these documents. Let me make one thing clear, the recommendation from the Committee that you approve these documents is the opinion of the MAJORITY of the Committee and is likely not the recommendation of every member of it. There are certain issues that have resulted in a very strong minority opinion resulting in considerable debate. I will point these issues out as I go through the documents with you.

THE BYLAWS

You will note that the Bylaws contain many references to CFR-47, Part 97. This was done to clarify the relationship between the FCC's rules and the role of the WWARA.

Membership (Art. III) was modified to make it clear that the WWARA is open to everyone one, individuals and organizations alike.. The FCC's point is that the coordination process should NOT be confined to just repeater owners.

The section on voting (Art IV) further clarifies the voting process and how an organization can participate in the organization.



Clay Freinwald K7CR

The Committee was concerned that it appears that the Board is made up of parties residing primarily in the Seattle-Tacoma area and that broader geographic representation would be preferred, therefor, the way the Board of Directors is elected, specifically the 'Representatives' has been changed in Art. V, Sect 4. This provides language that, in the view of the Committee, will encourage representation on the Board from outside of the Seattle-Tacoma-Everett metro area. At present all members are elected at large.

Under Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 3 was refined making clear the responsibilities of the Secretary/Treasurer.

Art VI, Section 4 is all new. The Committee felt that the Representatives (there are elected two at a time) have never had specific responsibilities. This has been changed by giving these parties a number of specific jobs most importantly (d – g) to make sure that the WWARA is, at all times, operating by its own rules.

The FCC Committee has been dropped (Art VII, Sec 3) and replaced with the NFCC Liaison Committee. This reflects the fact that we have not had an FCC Committee for many years and do indeed have active participation in the NFCC.

The importance of the job of Webmaster is reflected in Art VII, Sec5. When the existing Bylaws were last written there was not a Web to deal with and electronic communications by computer was only a dream.

Article VIII, Electronic Communications is a new section. The majority of the Committee realized that the bulk of the work of many organizations, and specifically coordination ones, takes place electronically, via email. For some time the WWARA officers have had the use of a Remailer (List Server) via which they routinely communicate with each other re. Association business. This section FORMALLY establishes an 'Operations Remailer' that is to be used for the Officers and Representatives and the Committee's to communicate with each other. Item A makes it a requirement that these parties be capable of handling E-Mail. I wish to point out that a minority on the Committee felt that this was not practical and that it imposed an unreasonable burden on prospective Officers, Representatives and Committee member and would, in effect, exclude parties who wished to participate and yet did not have this capability. The majority felt that many organizations function almost totally electronically today (examples are the NFCC, The FCC etc) and that this should not be viewed as exclusionary.

The Committee discussed the fact that the distinction between WWARA General Business Meetings (Held on Saturday's 3 times a year) and the Board Meetings (Held on Thursday's 3 times a year) had blurred to the extent that, assuming that the Board would be communication primarily via email, that these meetings should be officially called General Business Meetings. This section calls for AT LEAST 6 General Busi-

ness Meetings per year. As you will see later on, this is important to other functional changes proposed.

Article IV, Sec 4, provides for Physical Meetings of the Board. Everyone felt that from time to time issues would surface that could not be handled effectively electronically, for instance, contentious issues, disputes etc. There is certainly a need from time to time for physical meetings of the Board. These new Board Meeting procedures call for all the routine work to be done via E-Mail AND provides for physical meetings when the need arises.

Article IV, Sec 6, defines how the Electronic Board Meeting is to operate. It should be noted that this meeting is on-going, that is when there is business to be presented to the Board it will be presented to them at the same time and that the President or Vice President will preside over the meeting until the matter has been resolved. This will enable each member to carefully consider the issues before them and participate within their personal schedule. It is hoped that this will encourage greater participation in the process. Presently if a Board Member misses a meeting, they are out of the loop for a long period of time.

Note that Section 6 provides a multi-step process in the decision making of the organization (d) Committee Chairs present recommendations to the Board. (e-g) The Board reviews and votes on the issue and presents it to the Membership. This is new is as further refined in the Policies.

We have also added a Glossary to explain and define terms used in this document.

THE POLICIES

The opening paragraphs of the Coordination Policies have been revised and changed to reflect the intent of the FCC.

The layout of the Policies has been changed to mostly a heading and section format to make the document much easier to reference and understand.

The Policies have been changed to make clear the processes that are used in the work of the Association.

Sec 2 has been re-written to be more clear. No major changes here.

Sec 3 has been revised to be in compliance with the FCC.

Sec 4 – No major changes.

Sec 5 - Clarification of existing policy.

Sec 6 – This contains a lot of new language that should clarify the responsibility of the applicant.

Sec 7 – This is also new. The role of the various coordination committees is being refined to show that their job is to work with an applicant for coordination as an advocate and to help them understand what's involved and to guide them through the process.

Sec 8 – Deals with the details of preparing a Formal Application for Coordination. This makes it clear that this is the FIRST STEP in the process and deals with such issues as co-channel letters and testing.

Sec 9 - Clarifies the suitability of an application.

Sec 10 – Defines the items that are required to be included in a Formal Application.

Sec 11 – Explains how Formal Applications are to be made.

Sec 12 - Sets out requirements as to what happens after the receipt of a Formal App.

Sec 13 – Establishes a system of 'Tracking Numbers' that will better organize the work of the Association.

Sect 14 – Establishes priorities of applications, this is important in dealing with certain situations.

Sect 15 - Sets out a list of reasons why the WWARA may elect not to deal with certain applications.

Sec 16 - Sets out guidelines for dealing with mutually exclusive applications.

Sec 17 – Establishes a clear and easy to understand process sequence. Note that coordination will become a multiple step process ending up at one of the 6 called for General Business Meetings where everyone will have an opportunity to participate in the process, if needed. This represents a considerable change from the present method. Presently a Band Chair comes to a Board Meeting and presents a recommendation and in most cases, this is the first time many on the Board have heard of the matter. This places the majority of the burden on the Committee or Band Chair and provides minimal opportunity for comment or opposing viewpoint. This new proposed process will provide for not only Board involvement, via the Operations Remailer, but for membership involvement as well.

Sec 18 – This makes the responsibilities of the applicant very clear.

Sec 19 – Sets out reasons why a coordination may be canceled.

Sec 20 - Deals with transfer of coordination, not much change here.

Sec 21 - No major changes here, just some re-write.

Sec 22 – Deals with SNP's, no major changes.

Sec 23 – This language has been published elsewhere and is now included in the Policies.

Sect 25 – For the first time, the Official WWARA Band Plans are a part of the policies, we have formally approved plans for all bands except 2 meters, in this process we are submitted a 2-meter band plan and asking for its approval at the same time. Note that there are no surprises here, this is just putting into print what we have all been doing for years.

Sec 26 - The old Grievance Procedure has been scrapped and replaced with what the Committee feels is a reasonable and easy to understand process.

Sec 27 – We have outlined how a decision by the WWARA can be mediated by an outside party.

THE BOTTOM LINE

These proposed changes not only bring the WWARA fully in line with the most recent output from the FCC (The Terry Letters) buy refine and clarify the way the Association is to do its work. These documents are the result of many many hours of meetings not to mention computer time getting all the i's dotted and t's crossed.

Is it perfect? Heavens no. Just like most human endeavors, many on the Committee continue to feel that we could have done better, or this or that should be changed. This is normal and healthy. It all boils down to this. ARE THESE PROPOSED BYLAWS AND COORDINATION POLICIES BETTER THAN THE ONES WE USE AT PRESENT? The majority of the committee feels that the answer is a resounding YES.

As Chair of the Membership Committee I feel that these changes are vital to the continued growth of the Association and the adoption of them is REQUIRED if we are going to be able to move forward. With their adoption I will be able to move forward with presenting the WWARA to all Amateurs here in Western Washington and asking that they consider joining us as members. It is through this process of inclusion that the WWARA will be able to remain strong for years to come.

Any action like this brings up the issue of what do we do now to deal with the issues that some feel need further attention. The answer is simple ! Continue the process or working to make the WWARA better. We all need to understand that its been several years since these documents were revised and updated, hence the

volume of recommended changes at this time. For any organization to remain healthy these docs should be looked at periodically to make sure that technological changes etc have not rendered them out of date, most importantly its vital that everyone also be on the look-out for ways to make the organization function better.

Several have come to me with suggestions for additional changes they would like to see made, my recommendation them has been to bring this to the members and if it has merit, refine the idea and formally present it to the members for their consideration. I would hope that the WWARA would continue to improve itself in the years ahead. Nothing presented here is in stone....nothing presented here cannot be changed or improved upon...but it's a start and I feel that it's a giant step forward.

At this next meeting time will be provided for those that wish to speak for or against the revised documents, at the conclusion you will be asked to vote yes or no. I ask that you give it a YES VOTE.

FCC (AGAIN) POISED TO KICK OFF CORES

Stand by to get familiar with some new government acronyms. Amateurs registered in the Universal Licensing System—ULS—can expect to receive a new FCC Registration Number—FRN—in the near future. The new 10-digit FRN is part of the soon-to-be-*re*announced Commission Registration System—CORES. An FCC spokesperson said that the FRN will not replace the Licensee Identification Number amateurs were issued when registering with the ULS.

CORES and the related FCC Registration Number system—being implemented by the FCC's Office of the Managing Director—are not expected to become mandatory until sometime next year. An FCC *Public Notice* to announce implementation of the program is expected soon. The FCC released then promptly rescinded an initial *Public Notice* on CORES/FRN earlier this year. Specific details and dates of implementation are still not known.

An FCC spokesperson this week urged amateurs not already registered in the ULS to register now, so that they automatically will be incorporated into CORES. The FCC will send each ULS-registered licensee a letter with their FRN and CORES password. The FCC has said it will make every attempt to minimize the impact of CORES/FRN on Amateur Radio licensees, and no action will be required on the part of amateur licensees already registered in ULS.

Amateurs eventually will register with the FCC via CORES, not via ULS, but CORES will not replace the ULS itself. CORES does not include call sign data or licensee data. The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau is expected to incorporate the FRN into the ULS database.

Correspondence Log

MAY-JUN 2000

05/01/2000	Email to Carl Di Paolo, W7EXH
05/05/2000	Email from/to Carl Di Paolo, W7EXH
05/12/2000	Dues from Monte Mueller, W7GVJ
	TD and Fee from Rob Lee, K7TGU
	TD and Fee from Don Anderson, AB7V
	Correspondence from LCARA, W7DG / Stephen Hart, K7SH
05/19/2000	Email from George Merchant, VE7CHU
05/20/2000	Email from Richard Gonzales, N7UFK
05/22/2000	Email from Jim Boora, KD7FBT
	Email to George Merchant, VE7CHU
05/25/2000	Email from/to Ray Stein, N7RET
	Email to Jim Boora, KD7FBT
	Check for Dues and RD's from Grays Harbor ARC, W7ZA
	Expired forwarding address for Robert Calkins, WA7NUU
05/26/2000	Email from Jim Boora, KD7FBT
	Email from Ray Stein, N7RET
05/30/2000	Email to Jim Boora, KD7FBT
05/31/2000	Dues from Karl Shoemaker, WA7YCP
	Expired forwarding address for Bruce Shurtz, WC7AAO
	Expired forwarding address for Ron Burden, KC7ONX
	Expired forwarding address for Larry Zanella, WA7LZO
06/01/2000	Email to Ray Stein, N7RET
06/07/2000	Dues from Albert Oczkewicz, W7CSK
06/09/2000	Email to/from Bob Heselberg, K7MXE
06/12/2000	Email from/to Frank Wolfe, NM7R
06/16/2000	Check for RD from Frank Wolfe, NM7R
	TD and Fee from Shane Madsen, N7XAC
06/17/2000	Dues from Clay Freinwald, K7CR
06/24/2000	Dues from Richard Scoble, K7NK
06/25/2000	Dues, TD, and Fee from Frank Wolfe, NM7R
06/28/2000	On-line Update from Pete Policani, K7PP
	Email from Whit Brown, WB0CJX
06/29/2000	Dues from Bob Lewis, KC7TGA
	Email from Bob Heselberg, K7MXE
06/30/2000	Email to Evan Burroughs, N7IFJ

* TD= Technical Data Sheet, RD= Repeater Directory
* CF= Coordination Fee, RF= Renewal Fee

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FCC QUESTIONS W5YI-VEC OVER CODE TEST COMPLAINT

Citing past complaints about W5YI-VEC test sessions, the FCC has written Fred Maia, W5YI, with yet another. But Maia says it's much ado about nothing. The FCC letter to W5YI-VEC June 28 included a complaint from Technician licensee Simon Clowes, KD7IEB, of Baker City, Oregon. Clowes protested to the FCC about a Morse Code exam administered at an April 22, 2000, test session by W5YI VE Elwood Fennimore, N7BZ.

Clowes asserted that numerals were not counted as two characters as required by the rules, that the tape was noisy, that other VEs were discussing the text of the tape before the grading was completed, and that the tape speed was erratic. Clowes further complained that Fennimore and the W5YI-VEC were unresponsive to his complaints.

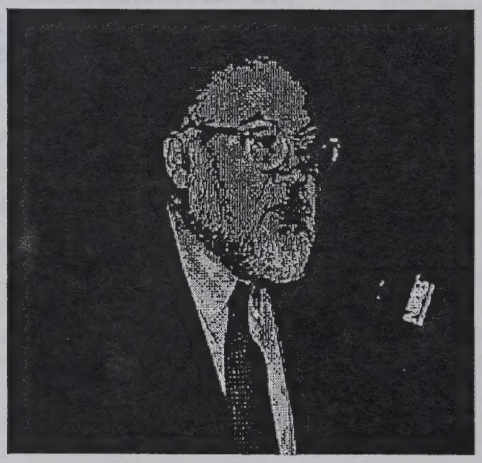
"We have received numerous complaints regarding your testing sessions, and we view the lack of response of Fennimore as extremely serious," wrote FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth.

"We're a little confused by this," Maia told the ARRL this week. "Mr Clowes' charge that we didn't respond is totally false."

The April 22 session was a "paperwork only" session, Maia said, and the Baker City VE team went out of its way to accommodate Clowes with a code test. Maia said that Clowes—who once held a license in Australia—first tried to get code credit on the basis of his old Australian ticket. Failing that, Maia says that Clowes—according to an account provided by Fennimore—sat twice for the code test but was able to copy very little and left with his code test answer sheet in hand. Maia says Clowes didn't complain about the administration of the test until a couple of days later. That complaint arrived via e-mail from the account of another ham. Maia says the W5YI-VEC responded to the same e-mail account, then followed up to ensure the message was delivered to Clowes.

Hollingsworth requested that Maia "fully address" Clowes' complaint within 20 days and provide Clowes with a copy of his response. The FCC also requested a full response from Fennimore, with a copy to Clowes, as well as copies of all documents related to the examination session. Maia said he's preparing a formal reply to the FCC.

FCC'S HATFIELD TELLS HAMS TO "WALK THE WALK"



The FCC's Dale Hatfield, W0IFO, predicts a bright future for Amateur Radio. But the Office of Engineering and Technology chief says that amateurs "will be under a certain amount of pressure" to justify their free use of the radio spectrum. As a result, he said, it will be more important than ever that hams actually fulfill their service, good will and educational roles—not just talk about them.

Hatfield offered his observations as keynote speaker for AMRAD's 25th anniversary dinner June 17 in Virginia. Hatfield told the gathering, "the key issue for the amateur service is maintaining access to an adequate amount of spectrum." While emphasizing that he was not suggesting any immediate threat, Hatfield said hams will have to do a better job of justifying their current allocations.

Hatfield said hams should actually engage in experimentation to advance the state-of-the-art, provide communication and train operators for emergencies, encourage international cooperation and good will, and offer an important technical educational outlet. "Or, to use a bit of slang, it seems to me that it will be even more important for all segments of the amateur community to 'walk the walk' not just 'talk the talk'," he said.

Hatfield encouraged his audience to explore advanced techniques that conserve spectrum, especially digital techniques. As the rest of the telecommunications world transitions to digital techniques, Hatfield said, "the amateur service will look antiquated if it is not making progress in that direction as well."

Hatfield also said software defined radios could facilitate "a new era of amateur experimentation" and, in many ways, represent "a final merger" of radio communications and computers.

The text of Hatfield's prepared remarks is available on the .

HAM TRACKS TAUNTING TEENS

According to news accounts, a group of Ohio teenagers have a local ham to thank for helping to land them in juvenile detention. Authorities report the youths used a pilfered police radio to taunt police over the air June 17, then bragged that they'd never be caught.

With help from a local amateur, however, police in Amherst and Vermillion, Ohio, tracked down the young miscreants. The towns share a public safety communications network. The interference came while the two departments were dealing with a fish festival crowd in Amherst and a search for a burglary suspect in Vermillion.

Authorities report that one of the youths—all between 14 and 16 years old—had stolen three hand-held radios from the public works department, where he had a summer job. Using two of the transceivers, the teens reportedly commenced to badger the police over the air with obscenities and threats, at times calling the officers by name. The cops tried to enlist the aid of the FCC's Detroit field office, but Commission personnel reportedly said they couldn't get direction-finding gear out there until the next day.

Enter Todd Dunlap, KC8EDS, of Amherst, who was able to track the signals to a basement recreation room in his own neighborhood, a police spokesperson said. Within a few minutes, police were knocking on the door of the house, awakening the sleeping grandmother of the teenager who lived there and getting permission to search. According to news reports, authorities found the youths and two of the stolen radios. They later recovered the third at the home of the teenager who had allegedly stolen it. In addition to theft and harassment, the teenagers also were charged with possession of marijuana and disruption of public services.—*from news reports*

June 1, 2000 Board Meeting Minutes

The June 1st, Board Meeting was held at the City of Edmonds-Parks and Recreation Center. Assistant Chairman Clay Freinwald- K7CR, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Pete Policani- K7PP, Carl Leon- N7KUW, George Miller- WB7VLV, Herman Entz- K7PAG, Carl Cowl- WA6DPL, Donald Anderson- AB7V, Nancy McKibbin- KB7BJE, Mark McKibbin- WR7V, Clay Freinwald, K7CR, Pete Kruml- N7KFJ, Rob Lee- K7TGU, Mark McClain- N6OBY, Bill Rourke- W7ERH, and Ken Rau- C7YR.

The minutes from the April 1st, General Meeting were approved. Current financial reports were distributed and approved.

ADJACENT AREAS:

- IACC: Nothing reported for this period.

- B.C.: A joint between the WWARA and BCARCC is being arranged for a Saturday or Sunday in July. This will be a repeat of a meeting held last year, attended by many of the Board and Committee members from both organizations. Jon Marcinko- WR7JM, is handling the arrangements. Exact time and place TBD.

- ORRC:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TECHNICAL-

There is a pending item regarding the 147.26 repeater on Naneum Ridge. The Technical Committee had plans to submit a recommendation for use of directional antennas to reduce power levels towards Western WA. It is unknown if this is still necessary, as the repeater ownership may have changed hands. The Secretary will follow up with Doug Rider to confirm ownership.

6/10 Meters- Board actions: None.

Other/Pending: 53.43 (Bainbridge Is.) Bob Lewis- KC7TGA, is still in a construction phase. 52.89 (Winlock) Bob Simonson- WA7ROB, under construction.

2 Meters- Board actions: Coordination was granted for the following; 145.31 (Redmond) Ron Verschuyl- K7AAE request to move, and 147.28 (Mt Octopus) Pete Policani-K7PP request for a new repeater. Assignment of Coordination was approved for 147.26 (Longview) Stephen Hart- K7SH/K7ZVV.

Other/Pending: 145.39 (Everett) Don Anderson- AB7V, request for trustee change and change of location. 147.20 (KO Peak) Pete Policani- K7PP, request for new repeater. 147.16 (Mercer Island) Carter Powell- W7IAG, request for new coordination.

220- Board actions: Coordination was granted for 224.14 (Longview) Stephen Hart- K7SH.

Other/Pending: 224.50 (E. Tiger) Mark McClain- N6OBY, request to move from Cougar Mt.

440- Board actions: Coordination was granted for the following; 444.300 (Buck Mtn) Arne Skoog- WA7WKT new coordination, 444.300 (Indian Hill) Arne Skoog- WA7WKT new coordination, and 442.600 (E Tiger Mtn) Rob Lee- K7TGU assignment.

Other/Pending: 441.850 (Mt Brynion) Carl Di Paolo- W7EXH request for new repeater note below, 440.775 (Seattle) Mark Sheppard- N7LYE request for new repeater for packet, 444.125 (Index) Matt Kula- KJ7HS modify existing coordination, 440.675 (Redmond) Mark McClain- N6OBY request to operate 2-way link pair as repeater, 430.275 (Snohomish) Loren Hole- KK7M request for 1-way link, 440.100/445.100 (Issaquah/Cougar Mtn) Pete Kruml- N7KFJ request for 2-way link, 441.825? (Shoreline) Erik Hokanson- N7UGG request for new repeater, 444.300? (Woodland) Will Pickering- KA7WJR request for new repeater, 444.475 (Bainbridge Is.) Bob Lewis- KC7TGA request for assignment and frequency change, 44?.??? (Vashon Is.) Dave Olson- KL7K request for new repeater, 441.600 (Winlock) Rob Simonson- WA7ROB request for new repeater, and 441.300 (KO Peak) Pete Policani- K7PP request for new repeater.

Pete Policani- K7PP requested the WWARA not grant coordination for 441.850 (Mt Brynion) until Carl Di Paolo- W7EXH communicates with him regarding the exact location of the transmitter. Pete has concerns that there could be a possibility of interference to one of the receivers supporting his system at the site.

900/1.2- Board actions: No Board actions.

Other/Pending: 927.600 (University Place) Rob Lee- K7TGU application for new repeater.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Review: The Financial Review Committee set a new date of 8/5/00 (immediately following the General Meeting) to hold the 1999 Financial Review. The committee consists of Ed Bruette- N7NVP, as Committee Chair, Bob Lewis- KC7TGA, member at large, Nancy McKibbin- KB7BJE, Mark McKibbin- WR7V, and Mark McClain- N6OBY, current Secretary/Treasurer.

SNP use/Jefferson County complaint: Correspondence was exchanged between the Jon Marcinko- WR7JM and Owen Mulkey- KC7HCL.

2000 Repeater Directory: We are still lacking coordination data from the adjacent-area coordinators. The agreement to exchange data between the WWARA and ORRC was accepted by both groups. Mark McClain- N6OBY, will follow-up to see when we can expect to receive ORRC's data. It was suggested that we wait until the August General Meeting to make a decision.

Re-Tooling effort: The most current draft of proposed changes to the WWARA Bylaws and Coordination Policies were reviewed. A brief discussion was held regarding some requested changes, grammatical corrections, and an objection to a requirement that Officers and Committee members must have email for participation in on-line meetings and discussions. A vote was called for by Mark McKibbin- WR7V, to bring the changes to the General Membership for approval at the August meeting. Mark McKibbin- WR7V and Ed Bruette- N7NVP voted in favor, Mark McClain- N6OBY and Pete Kruml- N7KFJ voted against. Clay Freinwald, K7CR, broke the tie and voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Clay Freinwald- K7CR, provided a review of the meeting he attended between the FCC and NFCB. Clay, who participates on the Board of the National Frequency Coordinators' Council (NFCC) as Vice President, and is provided financial support by the WWARA to attend annual meetings. Clay reported that D'wana Terry (of the FCC) thought the meeting was very informative and provided an opportunity for the NFCC to present some good concepts. ou can view the NFCC Press Release at http://www.wwara.org/news.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 5th, 2000 at 10:00am, at the Seattle Times production facility in Bothell.

Minutes by Mark McClain- N6OBY.

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Meeting Notice:
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